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Hi All.

Just wanted to pass along the below info. Feel free to share with other contacts in the area. I hope all is well!

Elizabeth

The RFP for the second cycle of EPA Urban Waters Small Grants is now open!

EPA Issues 2013/2014 Urban Waters Small Grants Requests for Proposals (RFP)

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency expects to award up to \$1.6 million in funding for projects taking place in 18 Eligible Geographic Areas that protect and restore urban waters by improving water quality through activities that also support community revitalization and other local priorities. Small grant awards under this competition will range in the amount of approximately \$40,000 to \$60,000 in federal funding. The funding is part of EPA's Urban Waters program, and is one element of support EPA is providing to the goals of the multiagency Urban Waters Federal Partnership. This announcement provides support to the Partnership's place-based work, currently underway in 18 locations. The Eligible Geographic Areas are listed below, and illustrated in maps found at the Urban Waters Small Grants program mapping website <http://www2.epa.gov/urbanwaters/urban-waters-grants-mapping>.

01. Patapsco Watershed/Baltimore Region (Maryland)
02. Anacostia Watershed (Washington, DC/Maryland)
03. Bronx and Harlem River Watersheds (New York)

04. South Platte Watershed from the Headwaters to the Denver Metropolitan Area
(Colorado)
05. Los Angeles River Watershed (California)
06. Lake Pontchartrain Area/New Orleans (Louisiana)
07. Northwest Indiana Area (Indiana)
08. Big River and Meramec River Watersheds, near St. Louis (Missouri)
09. Delaware River Basin (Covering Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Camden, New Jersey;
Chester, Pennsylvania; and Wilmington, Delaware)
10. Grand Rapids Area (Michigan)
11. Green-Duwamish River/Seattle (Washington)
12. Mystic River Watershed (Massachusetts)
13. Martin Peña Canal/San Juan (Puerto Rico)
14. Middle Blue River/Kansas City (Missouri)
15. Middle Rio Grande/Albuquerque (New Mexico)
16. Passaic River/Newark (New Jersey)
17. Proctor Creek Watershed/Atlanta (Georgia)
18. Western Lake Erie Basin, near Toledo (Ohio)

Eligible applicants are defined in the RFP, and do not need to be located within an Eligible Geographic Area; however, project activities proposed by eligible applicants must take place entirely within and focus on one of the Eligible Geographic Areas.

The goal of the Urban Waters Small Grants program is to fund research, investigations, experiments, training, surveys, studies, and demonstrations that will advance the restoration of urban waters by improving water quality in urban areas through activities that also support community revitalization and other local priorities. This program recognizes that healthy and accessible urban waters can help grow local businesses and enhance educational, recreational, social, and employment opportunities in nearby communities.

This is the second grant cycle for the Urban Waters Small Grants. Eligibility requirements and project types are newly defined for this cycle. The intent of this 2013/2014 RFP is to strengthen and diversify the work taking place in Eligible Geographic Areas to improve water quality and support community revitalization, with an emphasis on underserved communities. Information about Urban Waters Small Grants including the Request for Proposal (RFP) and registration links for the webinar is available at <http://www2.epa.gov/urbanwaters/urban-waters-small-grants>. EPA expects to award the grants in July 2014.

Note to Applicants: In accordance with EPA's Assistance Agreement Competition Policy (EPA Order 5700.5A1), EPA staff will not meet with individual applicants to discuss draft proposals, provide informal comments on draft proposals, or provide advice to applicants on how to respond to ranking criteria. Applicants are responsible for the contents of their proposals.

However, consistent with the provisions in the announcement, EPA will respond to questions from individual applicants regarding threshold eligibility criteria, administrative issues related to the submission of the proposal, and requests for clarification about the announcement.

Questions must be submitted in writing via e-mail to urbanwaters@epa.gov and must be received by the Agency Contact, Ji-Sun Yi, by **November 18, 2013**. Written responses will be posted on EPA's website at <http://www2.epa.gov/urbanwaters/urban-waters-small-grants-questions>.

Dates to Remember:

- Sept 26: RFP open period starts
- Oct 22: National Webinar for Applicants
- Nov 18: Deadline for submitting questions
- Nov 25: RFP open period ends
- Jul 15, 2014: Anticipated award date

Related Links:

- For more information on EPA's Urban Waters program, visit <http://www.epa.gov/urbanwaters>.
- For information about the Urban Waters Federal Partnership, visit <http://urbanwaters.gov>

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